

Voluntary Public Access and Habitat Incentive Program
Expanding Hunting and Fishing Access to Private Land in
Washington

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Seven Public Comments Received

Comment #1:

Gentlemen, I have been doing most of my hunting in recent years in Montana due to their Block Management program. This program encourages land owners to open their land to hunters and others. It has been a huge success...you probably are familiar with it. I would very much like to see something like this here in Washington. I have spent a lifetime watching a dwindling amount of land to hunt (and fish). We also have more hunters per capita than most any other western state. Those 2 things don't mix well. So maybe something good could come from these meetings and hunters can look forward to some positive news.

Respectfully,
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Comment #2:

Bruce & Kathy Foreman [bkforeman@comcast.net] E-mail #2 Tue 11/15/2011 8:22 PM

Just forget about it! The country is broke, STOP SPENDING (stop accepting more Federal deficit money!)
Thanks for allowing comments. Bruce & Kathy.

Comment #3:

Andrea Vekich [andreavk@coastalcap.org] e-mail #3 Wed 11/16/2011 11:05 AM
Comment #3 on SEPA No. 11091FONSI

Good morning,

I own a small forestland along a salmon-bearing stream that drains into the Chehalis River. I have a herd of elk that uses my ground for cover and rest while being pursued by hunters from every direction. Many times I have come across hunters (in season and not) on my land with no regard for posted signage that indicates no hunting or no trespassing. Anything you do to increase access must be accompanied with tougher guidelines and consequences for those hunters who are not abiding the landowners' wishes. Perhaps a register of land closed to hunting should be available to law enforcement, since signage can and does disappear every season at the hands of disrespecting "outdoorsmen."

Andrea M. Vekich

Elma, WA

Comment #4:

Sharon and John Livesay [jslivesay@msn.com] #4 Email comment Wed 11/16/2011 8:05 PM
Comment on SEPA No. 11091FONSI

Dear Sir:

While I support hunting, I can not justify supporting the spending of Federal and/or State funds for the purchase of land and land enhancement in our present economic conditions within our nation, grant or no grant.

There are private organizations such as the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership www.trcp.org, and Nature Conservancy <http://www.nature.org> which often work with states to accomplish this type of improvement.

Please return the grant monies.

Sincerely,

Sharon Livesay
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Comment #5:

Comment 5 Diane Weinstein [winterwren85@yahoo.com]E-mail Comment Sat 11/19/2011 3:20 PM

I object to tax dollars being spent on expanding hunting and fishing. There is already enough suffering and death in the world. Killing animals is not a sport but a perversion.

Comment #6:

Comment #6 Gary Schroeder [schroeder.gary@comcast.net] Mon 11/21/2011 5:26 AM
Looks like a terrific program. I go to Montana to hunt every year because they have the Block Management Access program. One similar in purpose to this. I am highly supportive in concept to this program. Fantastic idea!

Gary Schroeder
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"There's nothing wrong with being shallow as long as you're insightful about it."
[Dennis Miller](#)

Comment #7:

Peter, Keith E [Keith.E.Peter@boeing.com] Comment # 7 Mon 11/21/2011 5:26 AM

Why isn't some kind of a Block Management program instituted? It works great in the states that have it.